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a computer, a keyboard and a printer for displaying an image corresponding to the framed front cover of said binder, for forming visual material within the frame, and for printing out the visual insert for insertion into the inner pocket of said binder assembly with the visual material set-off and enclosed by said frame.

REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects the article claims of Group I with traverse.

In this regard, it is respectfully noted that 35USC 121 requires that inventions be both "independent and distinct" in order for restriction to be proper.

Attached is an extract from a talk presented by the late Judge Giles Rich, one of the authors of the 1952 patent code emphasizing the fact that if inventions are not both independent and distinct, restriction is not proper.

Attention is also directed to new method claim 23 and new article claim 24 which are closely inter-related, both with one-another, and with the other claims in the application. Accordingly, where the two sets of claims are clearly not distinct, but are closely related, the requirements of 35 USC 121 are not met and restriction is not appropriate.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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ADDENDUM PAGES

1. A semi-flexible cover-view binder assembly, comprising:

front and rear semi-flexible plastic covers, said front cover being transparent and being provided with a peripheral substantially opaque frame;

an inner pocket secured to the inner surface of said front cover; said inner pocket being secured along its outer edge and its bottom edge, and permitting quick insertion of visual material from the top and inner areas of said pocket;

an insert having visual information applied thereto in the area within said frame, said insert being in said inner pocket;

a plurality of transparent dividers with tabs thereon mounted within said binder;

said rear cover having a partial pocket extending for less than half of the area of said rear cover; said partial pocket being formed of the same sheet as the rear cover, with the pocket being formed by folding a sheet upward and bonding it in place, said rear cover being coated with substantially opaque material similar to the frame coating on the front cover.

7. A method for forming a semi-flexible cover-view binder comprising the steps of:

forming a semi-flexible transparent front cover with a frame coating around the periphery thereof;

bonding a pocket formed of thin plastic material to the inside of said front cover;

providing an image of said front cover on a computer monitor, with the outline of the frame included in said image;

developing visual images to appear on said monitor in the area within the frame;

printing out an insert sheet with said developed images thereon;

mounting said insert sheet into said pocket so that said developed images are visible from the front of said binder.

11. A semi-flexible cover-view binder assembly, comprising:

front and rear semi-flexible plastic covers, said front cover being transparent and being provided with a peripheral substantially opaque frame;

an inner pocket secured to the inner surface of said front cover; said inner pocket being secured along its outer edge and its bottom edge, and permitting quick insertion of visual material from the top and inner side of said pocket; and

an insert having visual information applied thereto in the area within said frame, said insert being in said inner pocket.

17. A semi-flexible cover-view binder assembly, comprising:

~~front and rear semi-flexible plastic covers, said front cover being transparent and being provided with a peripheral substantially opaque frame;~~

an inner pocket secured to the inner surface of said front cover; said inner pocket being secured along its outer edge and its bottom edge, and permitting quick insertion of visual material from the top and inner areas of said pocket;

an insert having visual information applied thereto in the area within said frame, said insert being in said inner pocket;

a plurality of dividers with tabs thereon mounted within said binder;

said rear cover having a rear pocket formed of the same sheet as the rear cover.

21. A semi-flexible cover-view binder assembly, comprising:

front and rear semi-flexible plastic covers, said front cover being transparent and being provided with a peripheral substantially opaque frame;

an inner pocket secured to the inner surface of said front cover; said inner pocket being secured along three edges with the flexibility of said binder assembly permitting quick insertion of visual material into said pocket; and

an insert having visual information applied thereto in the area within said frame, said insert being in said inner pocket.

22. A semi-flexible cover-view binder assembly, comprising:

front and rear semi-flexible plastic covers, said front cover being transparent and being provided with a peripheral substantially opaque frame;

an inner pocket secured to the inner surface of said front cover; said inner pocket being secured to the cover along two edges, and permitting quick insertion of visual material from the other two sides of said pocket; and

an insert having visual information applied thereto in the area within said frame, said insert being in said inner pocket.